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Province provides over $64,000 for Maliseet Fuels II (07/05/02)

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FREDERICTON (CNB) - The Department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour will provide $64,504 in funding to help create new job opportunities for Maliseet Fuels II. Minister Ed Doherty, who is also responsible for the Aboriginal Affairs Secretariat, made the announcement today.

Through the Workforce Expansion Program the department will create 21 positions at Maliseet Fuels II, a gas station and convenience store located on the Woodstock First Nation.

"This is terrific news," Doherty said. "It's great to see government supporting the province's Aboriginal community. By helping to create new employment opportunities, we are stimulating an environment of economic opportunity."

The primary objective of this program is to stimulate the creation of long-term employment opportunities in the private sector for unemployed individuals. In addition, it seeks to assist various identified priority groups obtain and secure lasting employment for their future.

"It is important that we work hard to ensure the full participation of all members of society in today's workforce," the minister said. "Through this initiative we are doing just that."

The minister said the project is another example of how government will achieve its goal of self-sufficiency by the year 2026, as outlined in the *Charter for Change*.

For more information on the department of Post-Secondary Education, Training and Labour's Workforce Expansion program, visit the website or call 506-453-2597.

This initiative is funded by the Government of Canada and the Province of New Brunswick through the Canada-New Brunswick Labour Market Development Agreement.

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